

Monticello Resource Management Plan

Brief History

Replaces the San Juan Resource Management Plan signed in 1991.

Planning area has:

Public lands (BLM) – 1.78 million acres, all in San Juan County

Total Surface – 4.5 million acres

Minerals Managed by BLM – 2.5 million

Counties in planning area – San Juan County

Contractor Prepared EIS – Joint contract with Moab FO

Notice of Intent to Plan published – June 3, 2003

Scoping was from June 4, 2003 – January 31, 2004

Number of comment letters received – 6,138

Number of comments – 19,437

Major Issues

- **Special Designations** – ACEC, W&SR, WSA.
- **Wildlife** – DWR has new larger polygons crucial habitats. SJC has provided a study for consideration.
- **Travel Plan** – Open, limited, and closed; designating routes. Some routes are controversial.
- **Recreation** – Dispersed recreation and cultural site visitation.
- **Cultural Properties** – Density & quality of sites, visitation, fuel wood gathering
- **Minerals** – EPCA/Remove impediments, Oil & gas, Uranium, sand and gravel.

Status/Schedule

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| • SD Review Draft Alternatives | June 13, 2006 |
| • WO Review of Draft Alternatives | June 27, 2006 |
| • Publish Draft RMP/EIS | February 2007 |
| • Record of Decision | August 2008 |

The Draft RMP/EIS is expected to be available to the public on February 2, 2007, followed by a 90-comment period.

Next Steps

The contractor is currently working on the impacts analysis that will form the basis of Chapter 4. They are also making adjustments based on the State Office and Washington Office reviews of the draft alternatives. The Field Office will receive the DEIS for internal review in early September. The Field Office comments will be incorporated into the document and then the State Office and the Washington Office will review the entire document before it is printed.

